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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

DANILO PORRO ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/068,137

Filed: February 6, 2002

For: PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING LACTIC  
ACID USING YEAST TRANSFORMED  
WITH A GENE ENCODING LACTATE  
DEHYDROGENASE

Confirmation No.: 8385

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

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CUSTOMER NO. 23720

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
DATED JUNE 9, 2004**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8)**

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June 30, 2004

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004, for which the one-month date for response is July 9, 2004.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.547096RFE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.